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HOUSE BILL 561

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING PARITY OF HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 59A-47-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,
Chapter 127, Section 879.26) is amended to read:

"59A-47-28. COVERAGE FOR SERVICE OF [~~CHIROPRACTOR~~]
CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN.--

A. All individual and group subscriber contracts
delivered or issued for delivery in New Mexico [~~which~~] that, on
a service basis or on an indemnity basis, or both, provide for
treatment of persons for the prevention, cure or correction of
any illness or physical or mental condition shall include
coverage for the services of a [~~chiropractor~~] chiropractic
physician. Deductibles, co-payments, coverage limits or other

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1 terms and conditions of coverage for the services of a
2 chiropractic physician shall not differ substantially from
3 coverage for the same or similar services provided by other
4 practitioners. A chiropractic physician shall be reimbursed
5 for all services within the chiropractic physician's scope of
6 practice and coverage for chiropractic services shall not
7 differ substantially from coverage for the same or similar
8 services provided by other practitioners.

9 B. Nothing in this section shall restrict a health
10 care plan from including in the terms of its coverage any
11 benefit differences based on differences in the scope of
12 practice of health care practitioners."

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